

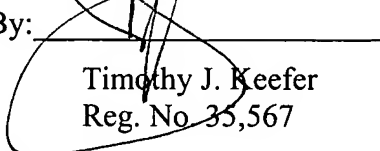


REMARKS

Applicant hereby requests that prosecution of this application proceed on claims 4-10. In view of the foregoing amendments, Applicant submits that the present application is now in condition for allowance. An early allowance of the application is earnestly solicited.

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